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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
SUBJECT: Dr. Ernst BRUECKNER - Trip to United States

1. Dr. Ernst Brueckner, Chief of the Security-Investigation Office of the West German Federal Criminal Police ("Sicherungsgruppe of the Bundeskriminalamt"), arrived in this country on 22 October to make official preparations for the imminent arrival on 27 October of Chancellor Adenauer.

2. It is noted that Dr. Brueckner's office is in charge of the investigation of the Otto John case in Germany. While discussing this case with a representative of this office in Germany, Dr. Brueckner expressed the desire to become more familiar with the United States. He is also greatly interested in United States police techniques and procedure and desires to visit the Chief of Police of Berkeley, California, with whom he is personally acquainted.

3. Arrangements are being made by this Division to sponsor Dr. Brueckner's trip to the West Coast on a confidential basis. According to present plans, Subject will fly unescorted to San Francisco on 26 October, where he will be met and escorted by a representative of this office presently on leave in that area. After spending several days in San Francisco, Berkeley, and vicinity, he will return to Washington via Chicago and Detroit on 3 November. Upon his return, several days will be spent with Dr. Brueckner in consultation on the John case as well as discussions on such subjects as the RIS and Communism.

4. The fact that this Agency is sponsoring Dr. Brueckner's trip will not be disclosed. Exposure of CIA officials to Dr. Brueckner will also be kept to a minimum.

5. Our purpose, of course, is to improve the liaison relationship existing between CIA and Dr. Brueckner's office, which it is felt will become increasingly important as Germany assumes full sovereignty. Compliance with Dr. Brueckner's expressed wishes at this time will be of considerable advantage to CIA, not only because he is being cultivated

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as a source on the progress of the investigation of the Otto John case,
but also because of his high potential as a source of GS and general
intelligence information.

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Acting Chief, Eastern European Division

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